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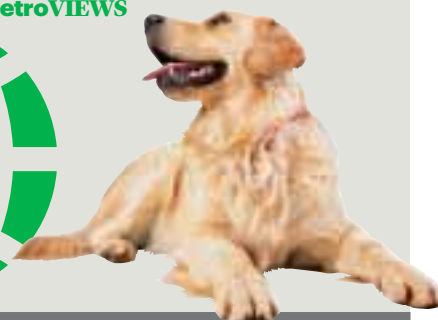
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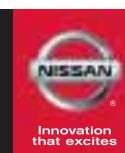
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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Police, RCMP launch Project Devote ads

Project Devote is launching an ad campaign it hopes will help bring justice to the families of missing and murdered exploited persons in Manitoba.

"We want to ensure that members of the public know that these people are not forgotten. They are important to us," said Winnipeg police spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen.

Starting Monday, nine different ads will be posted on the outside of Winnipeg Transit buses.

The posters show the faces of 26 of the 28 people whose cases are a part of Project Devote, along with their names and the dates they were last seen. The ads will stay up for four weeks and are not being targeted in any specific neighbourhoods.

"Project Devote is a prov-



**Winnipeg police Constable Jason Michalyshen** speaks to media about the Project Devote ads. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

## + PROSECUTORS

- The 2006 murder of Myrna Leandre is the only Project Devote case to have been solved.
- Two prosecutors and a family liaison/victim services worker have been designated to work on the project.

incial, integrated task force of the RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service focusing on missing and murdered exploited persons," said Michalyshen.

He said it's a reminder that police are still looking for information and they're confident that there are people who do have information that could help solve the cases.

"We have two police agencies that I can tell you are very motivated, very dedicated, to learn more about each and every one of these cases that they are currently assigned," he said.

He asks people to look at the ads carefully and try to remember what they can.

"Think about you having a family member that you haven't seen for some time," said Michalyshen. "Can you imagine not seeing someone since 1994 and not knowing what happened to them?"

He said the smallest nugget of information could solve a case, so people should call the tip line at 1-888-673-3316 if they know anything.

MEG CRANE/FOR METRO



**A woman died on Portage Avenue last week** after fleeing police and smashing her SUV into a building. SHAUN MCLEOD/FOR METRO

## Road fatalities hit 'disturbing' high

### TRAFFIC SAFETY

### Car accidents have killed 34 people in 2015

**Meg Crane**  
For Metro | Winnipeg

Manitoba Public Insurance says the province is experiencing a 'disturbing' hike in road fatalities this year.

Since Sept. 1, 34 people have been killed in car accidents, said the public insurer — a 42 per

cent increase in deaths from the same time period over the previous five years, which saw an average of 24 people die in car accidents.

Since the beginning of 2015, 71 people in Manitoba have died on the road, which is already more than all road deaths in 2014, says the news release.

"Of significant concern is the fact that nearly 50 per cent of this year's fatalities have occurred in the last three months," said MPI spokesperson Ward Keith.

Most of these deaths were the result of people not wearing seat belts, drivers not paying

**"We want everyone to arrive home safely to their families."**

Ward Keith

attention and head-on collisions, said Keith.

"Speed, impaired driving, distracted driving and failure to wear seat belts are all high-risk driving behaviours that can result in tragic outcomes," said Keith. "Driving safely and defen-

sively can truly be the difference between life and death."

MPI encourages drivers to leave early during the winter to give themselves more time to arrive at their destination so they can drive cautiously and courteously, and be patient.

It also reminds drivers to be mindful of the road conditions and consider using snow tires, which can be financed through MPI.

"We want everyone to arrive home safely to their families and friends and these simple reminders can make a huge difference," Keith said.

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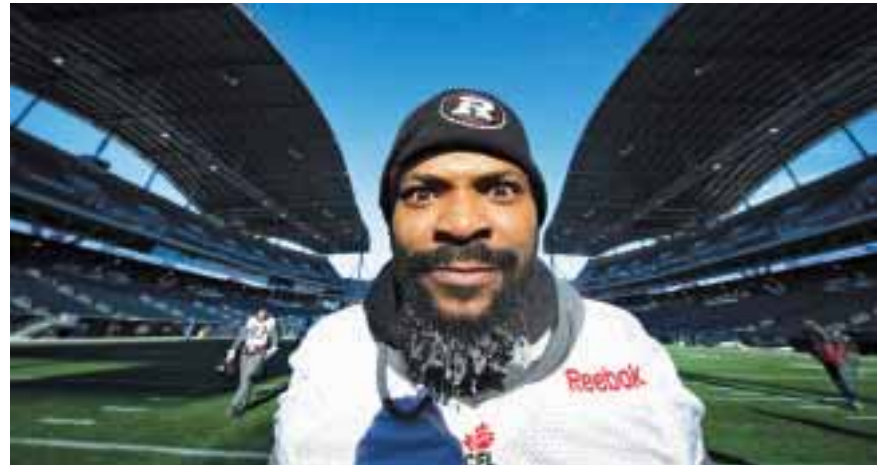


# Oh, what wintry fun in Winnipeg

If there's one thing Winnipeg knows how to do well, it's party in the snow. It was a wild weekend, with parties in the street, a Santa Claus parade that outdid itself thanks to upscale floats and a buzz by the Snowbirds, and, of course, the party before the big game. **ELISHA DACEY** METRO



The Winnipeg Blue Bombers float during Saturday's parade. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ottawa Redblacks' Jeremiah Johnson sports an icy beard Friday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



People dance in the back alley behind Dollarama during the **Downtown Winnipeg BIZ's Back Alley Bash** on Saturday. LEIF NORMAN/THE DOWNTOWN BIZ



Jolly Old St. Nick didn't disappoint during the **Grey Cup Santa Parade** Saturday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS



The **Grinch** joined in on the parade's festivities Saturday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Tara Reimer feeds Tuffy the horse as he makes his way into a downtown hotel Friday. The tradition of a horse visiting a local hotel is a part of the lead-up to the game. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Ouellette backs off Speaker hopes

## PARLIAMENT

### MP apologizes for saying the role could 'influence' PM

A rookie member of Parliament has apologized after he said he could better influence Prime Minister Justin Trudeau if he is elected Speaker of the House of Commons instead of remaining one of many Liberal backbenchers.

Robert-Falcon Ouellette said Sunday he is withdrawing his name for consideration.

"I suggested that the Speaker has the ability to call over a Minister or the Prime Minister, I at no time intended to convey that there was any suggestion of quid pro quo," said Ouellette in a statement posted on his Facebook page.

"I deeply regret any impression I gave of the Speaker's role. While I never intended to imply anything other than that the Speaker, as MP, still has the capacity to bring constituents' concerns to the attention

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Robert-Falcon Ouellette

of government, I must take responsibility for my clumsiness in the way I expressed myself.

Ouellette originally made the statement in a town hall meeting in his Winnipeg Centre riding Saturday while explaining to constituents his reasons for

running for the Speaker's job in the new Liberal government. A video of the speech was posted online by a local videojournalist.

"I've talked to other Speakers who have been in the position before," Ouellette said in the speech.

"They said, actually, it's a position of great influence because if I have an issue in my riding where I need some funds or I need something to happen ... I would call over the prime minister to my chair," he continued.

"This is what other Speakers have said and perhaps what people don't think about, but you can actually use that influence that you have in the House, because you do control the debate and the prime minister wants to keep you happy."

Ouellette, 38, has been open about his ambition to win the Speaker's role, despite never



**Robert-Falcon Ouellette has withdrawn his name for consideration for Speaker of the House after recent comments he made about the role.** METRO FILE

having held elected office before. A virtual unknown until last year, he finished a strong third in the Winnipeg mayoral race. In October, he beat NDP

incumbent Pat Martin in Winnipeg Centre, one of the country's poorest ridings, on a promise to be a stronger voice for the area. Veteran MPs, including Liber-

als Geoff Regan, Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Mauril Belanger and Scott Simms and Conservative MP Bruce Stanton, have all expressed interest in the role. Electing a new Speaker is the first order of business when Parliament returns on Thursday.

Kelvin Goertzen, a longtime house leader for Manitoba Opposition Progressive Conservatives, said Saturday that Speakers have to be careful about how they try to influence government decisions.

"While you have a job to represent your constituents and their concerns, it has to be done in a way that isn't making you be, or appear to be, favouring or getting favoured by one party or another. That's hard. It's why being Speaker is more of an art than a science from what I've seen," Goertzen said.

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## ENVIRONMENT

### 'Peggery rally for climate action

**Evan Matthews**  
for Metro | Winnipeg

The climate change conference in Paris begins Monday, but talks of climate change are already heating up.

On Sunday, about 300 Winnipeggers joined together with people in 150 countries with one common goal — calling world leaders to take action and alter climate change policy.

"One hundred per cent renewable energy in Canada is possible," said Janelle Delorme, an organizer of the march. "We're pushing our politicians to make these bold actions."

"It's important to feel solidarity between all citizens of the world. We only have one planet. People want to get to the streets



**Indigenous Elder Bev Jones speaks to the crowd Sunday.**

EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

and show politicians, world leaders and the corporations that we want change."

The march came after Al-

berta Premier, Rachel Notley, announced a plan last week to alter the province's approach to reducing the oil industry's carbon emissions.

Delorme said the effort Canadian provinces are making is good, but they still need more support from the federal level.

"They're taking good baby steps, but they need to step up," said Delorme. "We know we can have the conversation with the current government... They won't ignore us."

The Winnipeg march began at the St. Boniface Cathedral, and extended to the Oodena Circle at The Forks.

Guest speakers included climate change advocates, local religious leaders, and Indigenous elders. COP21 runs from Nov. 30 through Dec. 18.

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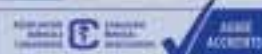
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# French president, PM talk security

## MILITARY

### Trudeau affirms solidarity in terrorist fight

France's President Francois Hollande appeared to give his blessing to Canada's proposed withdrawal of its fighter jets from the bombing campaign against Islamic militants after meeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Sunday at the Elysee Palace.

The fight against the Islamic State in Syria and the Levant (ISIL), has taken on new urgency in France after terrorists claiming to be inspired by the movement killed 130 people earlier this month in Paris in seven co-ordinated attacks.

Hollande has been travelling the world drumming up support for a massive military response, including more air strikes by more countries, at exactly the same time Tru-



**Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and French President Francois Hollande.**  
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

deau's government says it will remove Canada's six CF-18s from Iraq and Syria and step up military training instead.

Hollande said the two had spoken about the security situation, the battle against radicalism and diplomacy.

"But we also have to act militarily," said Hollande, adding Trudeau affirmed Canada's solidarity in the global fight and each country should contribute "within their own means."

Trudeau, in turn, responded

that "we will make sure that we all play a role in order to curb this terrorist threat."

A day earlier, Trudeau said the shadow of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris has made world leaders eager to show up in solidarity at the Paris climate talks that begin Monday, and he was optimistic of a positive outcome despite the absence of credible emissions-cutting plans to stop global warming.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion and Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, held a news conference Sunday in Paris at the government-run Canada Cultural Centre where the Canadian optimism briefly foundered on the question of whether a Paris climate deal will be legally binding.

"To be clear, this agreement does have to be legally binding but there may be aspects of it that won't be legally binding," including the actual emissions cuts, McKenna said at one point, to howls from reporters.

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**RESPECTS TO PARIS TRUDEAU JOINS OTHER DIGNITARIES** Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard (left to right), Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, and Canadian Ambassador to France Lawrence Cannon pay their respects in Paris on Sunday at a memorial outside the Bataclan Cafe, one of the sites of the Nov. 13 terrorist attacks. Trudeau called his visit to the Bataclan "extremely touching." ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## POLITICS

### Overhaul to carry gender-parity goals

The federal Liberals say they plan to extend a vow of gender parity in cabinet to ensure the same outcome in the hundreds of appointments the government makes to boards, agencies and Crown corporations.

Just how the process will work is unclear. The Liberals promised during the campaign to overhaul an appointment process that now is conducted behind closed doors and was sometimes mired in accusations of political patronage for government donors or failed candidates.

The party has vowed to create an outside body to recommend new senators, a model similar to one used in Britain for government-wide appointments to boards and agencies made by cabinet and ministers.

The Liberals didn't provide details of how the appointments process, which they now oversee, will work.

"Appointments will be open, transparent and merit-based, and we will ensure gender parity and that more indigenous

peoples and minority groups are reflected in positions of leadership," said Olivier Duchesneau, deputy director of communications to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"This will apply government-wide to everything from the cabinet to the Supreme Court to boards of Crown corporations."

Penny Collenette, who was head of appointments for former prime minister Jean Chretien, said making the process more transparent would likely require more resources and money for the Prime Minister's Office and Privy Council Office.

There are also privacy issues that a more open process needs to take into account so a candidate's employer doesn't hear that they might be jumping ship, Collenette said.

And the government needs to define "merit" to avoid accusations of political patronage, said Collenette, now an adjunct professor of law at the University of Ottawa.

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## NAMES

### Sorry, Isis: Soldier

A nine-year-old Winnipeg girl whose parents named her after an Egyptian goddess says she's feeling a lot better after a Canadian Forces soldier apologized for getting upset at her during a Grey Cup event for children.

Isis Fernandes was on a school trip Thursday and was supposed to get a certificate for completing an obstacle course, but when she told the soldier filling out the certificates her name, he didn't believe her.

"He said, 'I'm not writing your name. I don't think this is your real name. This is not funny,'" recalled the little girl. "He got all mad and stuff."

Maj. Cindy Pettitt of 17 Wing didn't witness the exchange, but said the member approached her following the incident.

Pettitt said it was loud in the sports complex, and the member asked for clarification on the name several times, but did not intend to bully the student. "I think it was a misunderstanding at the time."

The soldier expressed his apologies to Isis and her family on Friday, and they say they are satisfied.

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"I'm looking for something more long term."



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# Ministers take in camp

## IMMIGRATION

### Leaders hear of refugees' struggle in Jordan

The World Food Program ran out of money last fall to help feed 80,000 people who live at Zaatari, a refugee camp in Jordan near the Syrian border that was set up in the early days of Syria's civil war.

Without the prepaid MasterCard with the \$28 US per person, per month, to buy food at the two official supermarkets in camp, people pulled their children out of school so they could work for grocery money and rates of child marriage rose as a way for families to provide

for their daughters.

An influx of cash from international donors — Canada among them — helped alleviate the immediate crisis, a delegation of federal cabinet ministers heard Sunday from WFP and UNICEF officials.

Immigration Minister John McCallum, Health Minister Jane Philpott and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan were on a one-day visit to Jordan, one of the three countries from which Canada is now in the process of selecting 25,000 Syrian refugees for resettlement in Canada over the coming months.

The program includes \$100 million in aid money, too, some of it going to programs like food assistance to help forestall another such emergency.

The ongoing challenge was clearly on Sajjan's mind.

In the community centre, a painting immediately caught his attention — a black-and-grey canvas of a man pushing a boulder up a rock.

"There's a symbolism to it," he said. "The magnitude of the work ahead."

The reality is that most of the refugees Canada will take



Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan, third from left, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship John McCallum and Health Minister Jane Philpott, second from right, walk the streets of the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan on Sunday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

in between now and the end of February are unlikely to come from Zaatari or camps elsewhere, but from cities and towns — that's also where the vast majority of the four million people who've fled the

Syrian conflict live.

But that hasn't stopped the residents of the camps from hoping they'll get a spot.

"Canadians in Zaatari. Are there good news about resettlement for Zaatari people?"

asked one resident, in a tweet to camp manager Hovig Etyemezian, which he read aloud to the group.

"We certainly hope so," said McCallum. "That's why we're here." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## SYRIAN CRISIS

### Refugee plan hits \$915M

The price tag for the federal government's ambitious effort to resettle thousands of Syrian refugees has risen by more than \$200 million, less than a week after it was launched.

In Ottawa on Nov. 24, Liberal ministers announced details of their plan to take in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February, and at least 10,000 more by the end of 2016, in response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. At the time, the government pegged the cost of processing, transporting and settling the migrants at \$678 million over six years.

Line Patry, a spokeswoman for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, said the plan will cost up to \$915 million over the same period. She did not immediately explain the \$237-million difference.

Patry also confirmed that unlike other refugees, Syrians will not be asked to pay back the cost of their resettlement, which can be up to \$10,000 per family. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## SUMMIT

## Turkey, EU seek common ground

European Union leaders and the Turkish prime minister sealed a joint summit with a commitment to re-energize Turkey's long-stalled membership talks and bolster their common resolve to deal with the Syrian refugee crisis.

The 28 EU leaders were leaning hard on Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu to stem the flow of migrants seeking a better future in Europe's heartland and European Council President Donald Tusk said the latest estimate showed that "approximately 1.5 million people" had illegally entered the bloc this year, many coming through Turkey.

It left the EU in need of help from Ankara, even if their recent relations have been sown with discord. On Sunday, it was hugs all around as Tusk and Davutoglu completed what they called a breakthrough summit to put relations on an even keel again.

Both sides got concessions: The EU desperately needs Turkish help to contain the flow of migrants into the bloc, and Turkey resuscitated long-mothballed hopes to join a bloc in which it would, by population, become the biggest single member. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**We expect to see an immediate and substantial reduction of irregular migrants arriving to Europe.**

Prime Minister  
Ahmet Davutoglu



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**1 Frankfurt, Germany** — A woman wears a gas mask during a protest rally to promote climate protection on Sunday. FRANK RUMPENHORST/DPA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**2 Paris, France** — Police fight with activists during a protest ahead of the 2015 Paris Climate Conference at the place de la Republique. LAURENT CIPRIANI/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**3 Madrid, Spain** — A protester dressed as a polar bear marches with others through the streets of central Madrid holding banners reading: "We are unstoppable, let's save the climate," during the Global Climate March. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Global rallies calling for action on climate

## ENVIRONMENT

## French police fire tear gas as protests rage on in Paris

Hundreds of thousands of people have taken part in rallies around the world on Sunday, calling on leaders to halt climate change on the eve of a major conference in Paris.

Violence quickly erupted

between French riot police and a group of several hundred at a major square in Paris that was the site of a peaceful demonstration earlier. Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters throwing projectiles.

An organizer of the rallies, Avaaz, said that early estimates of marchers around the globe show 570,000 people marched in 175 countries.

Here are some of the rallies that took place in Europe on Sunday.

Thousands of demonstrators gathered in central Paris and formed a human chain along the route of a long-planned protest march that was banned by the French government in a security crackdown following the Nov. 13 Paris attacks. Nearby, thousands of shoes, some decorated, were placed at the Place de la Republique to symbolize the many feet that could not march because of the ban.

Thousands of people marched through London,

urging world leaders not to blow their chance to take strong action on climate change.

Actress Emma Thompson, designer Vivienne Westwood and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn are among demonstrators urging politicians to strike a binding agreement at climate talks in Paris.

About 4,000 people held a rally in the German capital, marching from Berlin's train station to the Brandenburg Gate to listen to speeches and music. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## + ARRESTS

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 174 people in Paris were jailed for possible charges. He said, separately, that 26 people have been placed under house arrest, stressing they weren't militants but people known for violence in the past. Some protesters chanted "a state of emergency is a police state."

## SYRIAN CRISIS

## Citizenship process tough for refugee children born in Iraq

Aria is stateless. Like thousands of other children born to Syrian refugees living in Iraq, the 10-month-old girl is beginning her life in legal limbo.

Some 240,000 refugees who fled the fighting in Syria now live in Iraq, where among many other hardships, they are often unable to get their children citizenship in either country.

"It's required to have a nationality," said Azad Khalil, the girl's father. "She doesn't exist in any records (in Syria) because

she was born here."

Syrian refugees who have children in Iraq's Kurdistan region are entitled to apply for official birth certificates from local authorities, but many families don't. Refugee camps are often far away from government buildings in major cities, so many children are left without the most basic documentation.

Khalil said he can only apply for citizenship for his daughter if the family returns to Syria.

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**A Syrian refugee woman holds her children at an informal tented settlement in northern Iraq.** SEIVAN M. SALIM/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SYRIA

### Airstrikes kill at least 18

Airstrikes believed to have been carried out by Russian warplanes killed at least 18 civilians and wounded dozens more on Sunday in a northern Syrian town held by insurgents, Syrian opposition media reported.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the airstrikes struck the town of Ariha, killing at least four children and wounding dozens more. The Observatory said three buildings were destroyed in the chaos.

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## PROTEST

## Israel suspends peace talks over label issue

Israel on Sunday suspended contacts with European Union representatives on Mideast peace issues to protest the 28-nation bloc's decision to label Israeli exports from the West Bank.

The decision, which deepened a fissure with the EU over the labeling issue, came as a rash of Palestinian attacks showed no signs of relenting. In Sunday's violence, Palestinians carried out two new stabbing attacks — wound-

ing a woman and a police officer. One of the assailants was shot dead.

Israel has been up in arms since the EU announced this month that goods produced in Israeli settlements must have special labels and cannot say they were made in Israel. Israel has said the decision is discriminatory and unfairly singles out Israel, while the EU says it is a technical matter to clarify the origins of the products. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# 'Madman' attacks clinic

## DOMESTIC TERRORISM

### Three dead in killing spree at Planned Parenthood

Robert Lewis Dear, the suspected gunman in a deadly shooting at a women's health clinic that offers abortions, said "no more baby parts" after his arrest, a law enforcement official said.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, not authorized to speak publicly about the investigation.

Police said they will not disclose why the gunman opened fire at the Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people. Colorado Springs police said in a statement they are sealing the warrants related to the case against 57-year-old Robert Lewis Dear. They are not providing information on the weapon used.

Dear is expected to make his first court appearance Monday.

Planned Parenthood, a national organization, has cited



**Mourners attend a vigil held on Sunday at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs' campus for those killed in Friday's deadly shooting at a Planned Parenthood clinic on Nov. 28 in Colorado.** CHRISTIAN MURDOCK/THE GAZETTE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

witnesses as saying the gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion, one of America's most sensitive issues.

In July, anti-abortion activists released deceptively edited undercover video which they said showed Planned Parenthood personnel negotiating the sale of fetal organs. Planned

Parenthood has denied seeking any payments beyond legally permitted reimbursement costs for donating the organs to researchers. Still, the National Abortion Federation says it has since seen a rise in threats at clinics nationwide.

Anti-abortion activists, part of a group called the Center for

Medical Progress, denounced the "barbaric killing spree in Colorado Springs by a violent madman" and offered prayers for the dead and wounded and for their families.

The Planned Parenthood clinic has long been the site of anti-abortion protests, but a Roman Catholic priest who has

## + MORE DETAILS

### Suspect divided time between cabin, trailer

Dear lived part of the time in a cabin with no electricity or running water in North Carolina. Neighbours said when he spoke it was a rambling combination of topics that didn't make sense. Authorities searched the suspect's Colorado trailer but found no explosives.

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held weekly Mass in front of it for 20 years said Dear wasn't part of his group.

"I don't recognize him at all," the Rev. Bill Carmody said.

At a vigil Saturday for the victims, Rev. Nori Rost called the gunman a "domestic terrorist."

Vicki Cowart, the regional head of Planned Parenthood, said the gunman "broke in" to the clinic but didn't get past a locked door leading to the main part of the facility. She said there was no armed security when the shooting began.

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## IN BRIEF

### Mortar attack on Mali base kills at least 3, injures 20

Mortars lit up the dawn sky when they were fired on a United Nations base in the northern Mali city of Kidal early Saturday, killing at least three people. Two UN peacekeepers and a contractor were killed in the assault that also injured 20 people, leaving four in serious condition, said Olivier Salgado, spokesman for the Mali UN mission. A Kidal resident said about six shells were fired at dawn.

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### Thousands of Burkina Faso citizens vote in first election

Thousands of people cast their ballots Sunday in Burkina Faso's first presidential and legislative elections since a popular uprising toppled the nation's longtime leader last year.

"It is a victory for the youth that has expressed its will for change and for real democracy," said transitional President Michel Kafando. He also said it was a victory for the about 17 million citizens of Burkina Faso who have waited decades for a democratic vote.

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## ADDICTION

# Norway considers medical heroin as overdoses skyrocket

The pale, zombie-like addicts staggering through concrete overpasses make an unlikely scene in wealthy Norway's picturesque second city. As a gateway to the fjords which zigzag the oil-rich nation's long coastline, Bergen is the last stop on a global drug route that gives it one of the worst heroin problems in Europe.

Now with a change in local government here and in the capital, Oslo, there is an appetite to use radical policies to curb the alarming number of Norwegians who die from heroin overdoses

each year. Alongside traditional replacement therapies, such as methadone, the new left-wing local leaders want to use a medical form of injectable heroin to treat the most at-risk users.

The official goal is to wean them off the drug entirely, but even the most ardent supporters admit the most achievable target is to bring them within a safer environment, while helping to tackle the crime associated with heavy drug use.

"We can't go on criminalizing our drug users. We need the trust between us and the



health professionals," said Kim Arnetvedt, an addict and member of the Association for a Humane Drug Policy, a campaign



**We can't go on criminalizing our drug users. We need the trust between us and the health professionals.** Kim Arnetvedt, member of the Association for a Humane Drug Policy

group.

Like most of Bergen's estimated 1,100 regular users, Arnetvedt spends much of his time near the city-run Straxhuset needle exchange centre between the housing projects and the industrialized western edge of the city where addicts can get

clean needles, medical help and a hot meal. He reluctantly dips in and out of medical rehabilitation programs, but is highly suspicious of a health system that he says is too close to the police and makes "every day of addiction miserable."

Outside the needle exchange

there is a more-or-less open drug market.

The proximity of health professionals makes it safer in case of overdose, and the new local government has sanctioned a safe injecting room for users to use their own heroin inside.

Ola Joesendal, deputy director of Bergen's Haukeland Hospital, said more than 90 per cent of the city's heroin addicts receive methadone treatment.

"If we have the opportunity to reach them through heroin, then they can be reached," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## RELIGION

# Pope pushes for peace during Africa trip



**Pope Francis stands before opening the holy door of the Bangui cathedral, Central African Republic, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015.** ANDREW MEDICHINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flanked by Vatican bodyguards in flak jackets and machine-gun-toting UN peacekeepers, Pope Francis plunged Sunday into conflict-wracked Central African Republic and urged the country's Christian and Muslim factions to lay down their weapons and instead arm themselves with peace and forgiveness.

Francis issued the appeal from the altar of Bangui's cathedral after arriving in the badly-divided capital on the final leg of his three-nation

African tour.

Cheering crowds lined his motorcade route — about five kilometres of it in his open-sided popemobile. The crowds swelled again at a displacement camp, where children sang him songs of welcome and held up hand-made signs saying "Peace," "Love" and "Unity."

"My wish for you, and for all Central Africans, is peace," Francis told the nearly 4,000 residents in the St. Sauveur church camp.

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## PROTEST MOVEMENT

# Brown laid to rest without headstone

Michael Brown once told an uncle that the world one day would know his name, and he was right. But 15 months after the black 18-year-old's killing by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, sparked a national protest movement over the treatment of blacks by U.S. law enforcement, he lies buried in relative obscurity.

There is no headstone marking his grave in St. Peter's Cemetery. There is just a concrete

slab with "MB" spray-painted in orange.

Other matters have interfered in getting a permanent headstone in place, said Lyah LeFlore, vice-president of the Michael O.D. Brown "We Love Our Sons & Daughters" Foundation that Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, helped launch in her late son's memory.

"Everybody has to do things kind of at their own pace," LeFlore said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Bush slams Trump as 'outrageous'

## U.S. POLITICS

### Former GOP favourite: Press being played 'like a fiddle'

Jeb Bush expressed exasperation when asked yet another question Sunday about yet another outrageous utterance from the man dominating the Republican presidential discussion.

The one-time-favourite, now seen as a longshot, voiced frustration over all the news-media attention still being hoovered up by Donald Trump, with the primaries fast approaching.

The catalyst for his comment was a query about one of several controversial statements made by Trump in the last few days alone: this one about the ominous-sounding

idea of a national database tracking Muslims. Trump appeared to consider the idea when asked about it, then later declined to rule it out when repeatedly invited to do so.

A Bush adviser likened it to fascism — so the issue was put to the former governor of Florida and struggling presidential candidate in the midst of an interview on CBS's *Face The Nation*.

"He knows what he's saying. He's smart," Bush replied.

"He's playing you guys like a fiddle — the press — by saying outrageous things, and garnering attention. That's his strategy — to dominate the news."

Bush went on to describe Trump as misinformed at best, preying on people's fears at worst; said he wasn't a serious candidate for serious times; and called it "scary" to listen to him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Republican presidential candidate and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## BRAZIL

### Virus linked to brain birth defect

The dengue-like Zika virus has been linked for the first time to cases of babies being born with small heads, or microcephaly, Brazil's government said.

It said scientists studying a surge of such cases in north-eastern Brazil found the presence of the virus in the blood of a baby born with birth defects in Ceara state. The girl died.

"This is an unprecedented situation in the global scientific community," the health ministry said in a statement released Saturday.

Researchers with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention are coming soon at the request of Brazil's government to study the link between the rare neurological condition and Zika.

Brazilian health officials believe pregnant women are more vulnerable of developing fetuses with microcephaly if they are infected with Zika in their first trimester. So far in 2015, the ministry has reported 739 cases of babies born with microcephaly in nine states that have been hit hard by Zika infections, while last year the same region reported only 45.

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## IN BRIEF

### Man charged over death of police officer

A man suspected of fatally shooting a police officer who responded to a domestic dispute was charged with homicide Sunday in Pennsylvania state.

Online court records show Ray Shetler Jr. was charged with one count of

criminal homicide and was awaiting arraignment Sunday afternoon.

Police believe Shetler, 31, shot officer Lloyd Reed on Saturday night after officers were called to the domestic situation in New Florence.

Shetler was captured around 3:15 a.m. after a six-hour manhunt.

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## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

# Black Friday store sales fall as more shoppers go online

Black Friday shopping is shifting from hours spent in line to more time online.

Sales at retail stores on Black Friday fell to \$10.4 billion US this year, down from \$11.6 billion US in 2014, according to preliminary figures from research firm ShopperTrak.

And sales on Thanksgiving dropped to \$1.8 billion US from just over \$2 billion US.

A big reason for the declines is increased online shopping, as Americans hunt down deals on their smartphones, tablets and computers. Another key

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**Amount online sales jumped on Friday compared with last year, according to Adobe, which tracked activity on 4,500 retail websites. Email promotions drove 25 per cent more sales compared with 2014.**

factor: Many retailers are offering bargains long before Thanksgiving, limiting the im-

pact of Black Friday specials.

Still, most analysts expect this year's holiday sales to show stronger growth than last year's. Americans are starting to see early signs of pay increases, hiring has been solid in the past year, and low gas prices are leaving more money in shoppers' pockets. "There's a lot of strength in the consumer," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak. Even with the slip in sales, "Black Friday will end up being the number one sales day in retail this year."

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## Big banks focus on cost cutting

Grappling with a perfect storm of economic and operating challenges, Canada's biggest banks are expected to emphasize their efforts to rein in costs as they report their fourth-quarter earnings this week. "They need a catalyst to grow earnings, and increasingly I think the focus is on expenses," said Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan.

Analysts will be looking for signs of cracks stemming from continued low oil prices on the banks' loan books.

The first such indications of trouble began to crop up last quarter, when most of the lenders reported higher impaired loans — loans that are unlikely to be repaid in full — to companies in the oil and gas sector.

Despite the spike, the credit problems that have so far surfaced have proven to be manageable for the banks.

Analysts say the brunt of the pain is more likely to be on the consumer loan side — for example, when laid-off workers are unable to pay back their credit cards, consumer loans and mortgage debts.

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**HOG-TIED TRIBUNE COUNTY RUNNING OUT OF WATER** A pig looks out of its pen at Seaboard Foods' Ladder Creek operation near Tribune, Kan. With the water source under the flat, arid prairie nearly exhausted after decades of overuse, county residents narrowly voted five years ago to allow corporate hog-feeding operations to move in to replace failing crop farms, but the company is pumping wells that had been idle for a decade, and environmentalists and some residents are worried that instead of preserving the remaining water, the county will be a desert once the hogs and the water are long gone. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Clean-tech fix eyed for warming woes

## CLIMATE CHANGE

## Gates sparks plan to spend billions on low carbon energy

Government and business leaders are banking on clean energy technology to fight global warming, kicking off this week's high-stakes climate change negotiations in Paris by pledging tens of billions of dollars for research and development.

Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates, U.S. President Barack Obama and French President Francois Hollande will announce the new initiative on Monday, committing to spend tens of billions of dollars for a technological fix to the planet's climate woes, three current and former officials have said.

"It's quite a big deal," said Jennifer Morgan, global climate director for the World Resources Institute. "It brings

a new kind of burst of energy into the conference right at the beginning on something very important."

The "ambitious" effort to develop clean energies initially involves eight countries — France, the U.S., India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Australia, Canada and Norway — according to a French official. These countries would pledge to double their spending on low or no-carbon energy, according to an early version of a document.

The money would focus on research and development of technologies such as energy storage, which could make better use of clean power from wind and solar regardless of the vagaries of weather.

Led by Gates, about 20 private business leaders have signed on to the initiative, making their pledges conditional on governments also pledging more money, said a former U.S. government official who is familiar with the plan.

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## + NOT ENOUGH

### Ban Ki-moon suggests reviews every five years

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says governments' pledges to cut global warming emissions aren't enough and should be reviewed before 2020.

He endorsed plans for reviewing targets every five years.

More than 180 countries have submitted climate action plans before the UN climate summit in Paris, including pledges to cut or rein in heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions after 2020, when the new deal is supposed to take effect.

However, scientific analyses show that even if those plans are implemented man-made warming is likely to reach almost 3 Celsius, which is beyond the 2-Celsius goal of the international talks.

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**Off the hook**  
A new study shows mobile phone use is a good predictor of socioeconomic status in developing countries where a census isn't practical.

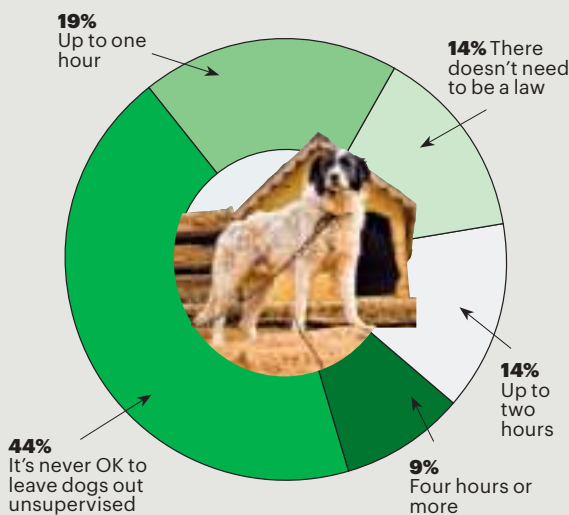
## Metro MONDAY POLL

# The leash you can do

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**How long you can** tie up Toto could soon be a matter for the law. Dog tethering bylaws are being introduced in many communities, as animal welfare advocates try to stop a practice they say is cruel and makes dogs more aggressive. The maximum tying-up time ranges from one to four hours. We asked our readers if this should be common sense, or if a crackdown on cruelty is in order.

### 1 How long should you be allowed to leave your dog outside on a leash (in decent weather)?



### 2 What should the penalty be for people who tether dogs outside for extended periods?

41% A fine of more than \$100  
16% A doggy parenting class  
13% A fine of less than \$100  
8% A short jail term  
8% Lock them up and throw away the key!  
14% Other

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### 3 What should people do with their dogs when they need to leave them alone?

52% Leave them in the house (within reason)  
11% Leave them with a dog sitter  
10% Get family or friends to check in  
9% Put them in doggy daycare  
9% Leave them in a fenced yard with plenty of food, water and shelter  
1% Tie them up  
8% Other

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WE ASKED Metro readers

## metroview

# Fentanyl is a side-effect of overdosing on abstinence

**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

I'm an addict. The addiction started at 15, and though I've lived long periods free of it, I've never beat it. Every time I've quit without medicine or counselling, I've relapsed.

My addiction is nicotine, and like most dependencies, it won't kill me if smoke again — which evidence shows is likely.

But let's flip the script: If I were physically addicted to, say, fentanyl, 50 times more powerful than heroin, and I quit and relapsed the same way I've done with tobacco, the outcome could be tragic.

As with all opioids people abuse, public-health workers see that heavy users often get clean through abstinence treatment, but then relapse.

Going clean lowers tolerance, so using again puts a person at an extremely high risk of overdose and death.

That the stakes are this high makes what's happening with fentanyl treatment in Alberta a wake-up call for the rest of Canada: It's beyond time we put aside the morality-based abstinence ideal and follow what science shows works: methadone and suboxone. Experts say these medications cut cravings, treat withdrawal symptoms, prevent relapse and save lives.

So far in 2015, 213 Alberta deaths have been attributed to fentanyl, with 55 in the Edmonton zone.

But troublingly, several reports have shown that the number of people on methadone treatment in Alberta is

down, and there are month-long waiting lists to get in.

Elaine Hyshka, a PhD student in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta, said the problem is complex and not about indifference or political will.

She explained it's partly due to a shortage of doctors licensed to prescribe methadone and suboxone in Alberta, and limited incentives to get them to earn the license. Since the opioid crisis has grown, few doctors will want to prescribe methadone or suboxone, as they'll quickly be overwhelmed with patients.

As Metro Edmonton has reported, mothers of fentanyl users have been desperate to find their children treatment beds — cut access to the drug, goes the thinking, and they'll live another day.

It works, short term. But, Hyshka said, most of Alberta's in-patient addiction beds are abstinence based, and don't include methadone or suboxone. That's a very big problem.

So too is the fact that most in the addictions treatment community saw this situation coming, with the 2012 removal of OxyContin from the prescription (and thus, illicit) market in Alberta.

There was already an opioid problem here, she said, and removing a popular pill didn't kill demand — it just shifted it to a drug that's far more lethal.

The same applies to methadone and suboxone: The demand is there, and abstinence is being used in substitution. It's time that stopped, before more people die.

# We need time to have a fair debate on pipelines

## INSIDE THE PERIMETER

**Shannon VanRaes**



Today, in a nondescript meeting room at a Winnipeg hotel, something is happening that could alter the future of energy projects in the province and Canada as a whole.

For months, a group of aboriginal elders have fought for their uncompromised voices to be heard at a hearing for a pipeline project lost amid names like "Keystone XL" and "Northern Gateway".

Despite eclipsing those projects in size and scale, Enbridge's Line 3 hasn't garnered much in the way of public attention. Billed by Enbridge as a replacement project, it's in fact an expansion project. The old pipeline will be decommissioned and left underground while a new larger pipeline is installed from Hard-

isty, Atla., to Superior, Wis.

The aboriginal elders have information and insight they believe could help guide Enbridge and the National Energy Board (NEB), but changes made by the previous federal government have severely curtailed their ability to participate in the NEB hearing process.

If for some reason this doesn't strike you as important, you might be asking yourself: How does this affect me? I'll tell you.

Line 3 is a harbinger of things to come. If the NEB continues along the path it's on, your voice, your neighbour's voice, anyone who raises concern or questions regarding future energy projects or future pipelines will struggle to be heard as the NEB races to meet the ridiculous 15 month deadline set by the last Conservative government.

Winnipeg is not part of the Line 3 route, but it is

on TransCanada's proposed 4,600-kilometre Energy East pipeline — a mix of repurposed and new pipelines, passing through the same area as the Winnipeg aqueduct. Under the current NEB mandate the approval process will rush ahead, limit interveners, cut short submissions, restrict their format and force stakeholders to present positions blindly by denying them adequate information and preparation time.

This is not about whether pipelines are good or bad, necessary or unnecessary. It's about our rights as citizens to participate when our environment, our economy and even our place in the world hangs in the balance.

Energy companies need the legitimacy that comes with a fulsome and well respected regulatory approval process as much as interveners need to have their concerns heard, respected and considered.

Bringing us back to the aboriginal elders who are testifying at an NEB hearing in Winnipeg today. Their determination to speak in an uncompromised voice has brought the NEB's processes into the light and forced the door open for more reasonable consideration of interveners — albeit slightly — but it is a key move in the fight for a fair process, one that brings pressure to the new federal government to make to restore balance to the process.

And it's a move that Winnipeggers will appreciate all the more when it is our city's turn to try and find a seat at the NEB table.

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# The bumpy road to success in music

TEBEY OTTOH

**Singer still grinding away despite early Nashville break**

Tebey Otttoh wasn't old enough to drive when he first managed to get his boot in the door of Nashville's impregnable country scene, and he certainly wasn't old enough to understand his luck.

He was 14 when he won a country singing contest in Simcoe, Ont., a competition he had previously conquered as young as six. This time, the prize included studio time in Toronto, which the adolescent Otttoh used to craft his debut demo.

Naively, he mailed it to the record companies in Nashville and waited.

"Everyone knows that's not how you get a record deal," he recalled, sipping a vodka and Red Bull at the Rock 'n' Horse Saloon in Toronto. "Those things just go in the garbage."

In Otttoh's case, however, the demo caught the ear of the president of MCA Records, who summoned the teen to Nashville and promptly signed him to a development deal.

"I'm thinking as a 15-year-old kid: 'Wow. That was really easy.'"

The next 17 years would prove him wrong.

His solo career would suffer several false starts and supposed finishes, and before he would get the chance to write songs for One Direction, Cher or, well, himself, he would have to prove exactly how much he wanted it.

Early on, however, music came naturally. The son of an engineer born in Nigeria who met his mother on a soccer scholarship at Trent University, Otttoh began singing in church at age five.

It was with his father that he shuffled to Music City, with the rest of his family remaining in Burlington, Ont.

By 17, he had shifted to a different record label, but the opportunities were no less abundant.

He had an American publishing deal, a star producer (Bob Rock) and a famously tenacious manager (Bruce Allen).

It amounted to almost nothing.

"I had everything I could have ever dreamed of as an



**MCA Records signed Tebey Otttoh to a development deal at 15 years old, but by the time he was 20, it was all gone. So he turned to songwriting, penning songs for the likes of One Direction and Cher.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

artist at 17 years old," he said. "And by the time I was 20, it was all gone."

"I lost my record deal. I lost my publishing deal. I parted ways with Bruce."

"That brought me back down to earth pretty quick."

It also brought Otttoh back to Canada, where he was dejected but undeterred.

Soon, he found that he could extract more mileage by putting his songs into the hands (or voices) of others.

He wrote music for Canadian Idol and hits started trickling in: Run for Rex Goudie, Let's Go for Shawn Desman.

He then received a call from his old Nashville buddy, John Rich, one half of Big & Rich. Coming off two platinum albums, Big & Rich wanted to record Otttoh's song Radio on their next album.

With that, Otttoh shuttled back to Tennessee and there he began scattering hits to every part of the musical field.

He penned tunes for One Direction, Cher, Flo Rida, Pixie Lott and Emerson Drive. Even here, his dogged nature

stood out.

"Sometimes you'll sit down with a writer and they want to get that song done today," said Emerson Drive guitarist Danick Dupelle.

"Not him. He doesn't settle for the easy way out."

Despite his success, however, Otttoh wasn't content filtering his compositions through other voices.

He went solo again, his first name only, with 2012's appropriately titled The Wait, then 2014's Two. The former managed to chart only one song, but he's had more traction since: his past six singles have all placed in Canadian country radio's Top 40.

The last two years in a row, Otttoh was nominated for the Rising Star trophy at the CCMAs.

The moniker might seem absurd for an artist nearing his 20th year, but it's also, in a way, fitting.

"Some people shoot to the top very quickly," he said.

"Others have to grind it out. And I feel that I'm going to grind it out."

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## THE SONGS

Tebey Otttoh has written songs for some big artists — here are the stories behind two.

### • Shawn Desman, Let's Go:

Tebey was in Africa when Desman's producer let him know that this buoyant tune would be the first single on his next album. The only problem? "I honestly didn't remember writing that song," Otttoh admits. "That's pretty embarrassing." Still, Desman and Otttoh remained close; Desman was even a groomsman at Otttoh's wedding.

### • Cher, Take It Like A Man:

Otttoh and his collaborators initially wrote this song for the U.K. girl group The Saturdays, before it wound up with the beloved club siren. "When you think about it, it's like a perfect gay anthem for Cher, even though we didn't make it that way," he said.

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Clive Owen plays Dr. John Thackery, a "sweat-soaked dope addict" on Steven Soderbergh's *The Knick*. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

## Privilege and the pervert

MOMENT

### The Knick puts entitlement on the operating table

The Knick: Season 2, Episode 2 (TMN)

It's the early 1900s, and Herman Barrow (Jeremy Bobb), the greedy administrator of New York's gritty Knickerbocker Hospital, has made a deal with a whorehouse owner: He can sneak in girls for treatments in exchange for kickbacks. Barrow knows Nurse Elkins (Eve Hewson) will be discreet; he's got dirt on her.

But what about the doctor — grey-haired, genteel — who's just popped into the room unexpectedly? The doctor regards the whores. Barrow and Elkins hold their breath.

"Such lovely ladies," the doctor coos, choosing one to sit on the examining table. Elkins brings him stirrups. "Oh, I don't need those, they can put their legs on my shoulders," he says, jolly as Santa Claus. "I don't need swabs either, a close look and a good nose are enough."

Eewwww.

This series revels in the gore of early 20th-century medicine — there's always a jagged bone on display, a rotting patch of skin to drain. The lead character, Dr. John Thackery (Clive Owen) — not the doctor in this scene — may be a brilliant surgeon, but he's also a sweat-soaked dope addict.

The grotesqueries that director Steven Soderbergh (who helms every episode) and his writers are really exposing, though, are those of human behaviour: not only chauvinism, but also racism and classism.

Because *The Knick* takes in all patients, from destitute immigrants to high society, characters like the jolly doctor can demean others with casual entitlement. Soderbergh's point, of course, is that demeaning is still rampant. Less overtly displayed, perhaps, but putrid nonetheless.

The Knick can be seen on demand at TMN GO. New episodes can be seen Fridays at 11 p.m. on HBO Canada.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

RATINGS

## Vast majority of TV viewing is live: Report

Even though the overwhelming majority of Canadians still watch live TV, a new study says there has been "rapid" growth in people accessing video on demand through their service providers.

Canadian audience measurement firm Numeris released a report Friday which found about 90 per cent of overall viewing is still live — a broadcast over the air or through cable — as compared with on demand.

But the findings also noted a shift in how younger demographics are watching television.

"Services such as video on demand are relatively new offerings in Canada, but they have been steadily on the rise," the report said.

"Catch-up viewing is growing rapidly, especially for the younger age groups."

In the study, video on demand was considered anything viewed through either

a set-top box or a broadcaster's website or smartphone app. It conducted the study with its radio and TV panel of 5,000 households, made up of 11,000 individuals more than two years old.

Numeris did not consider other sources, such as video streaming services like Netflix and Shomi or illegal online downloads, which are harder to accurately track.

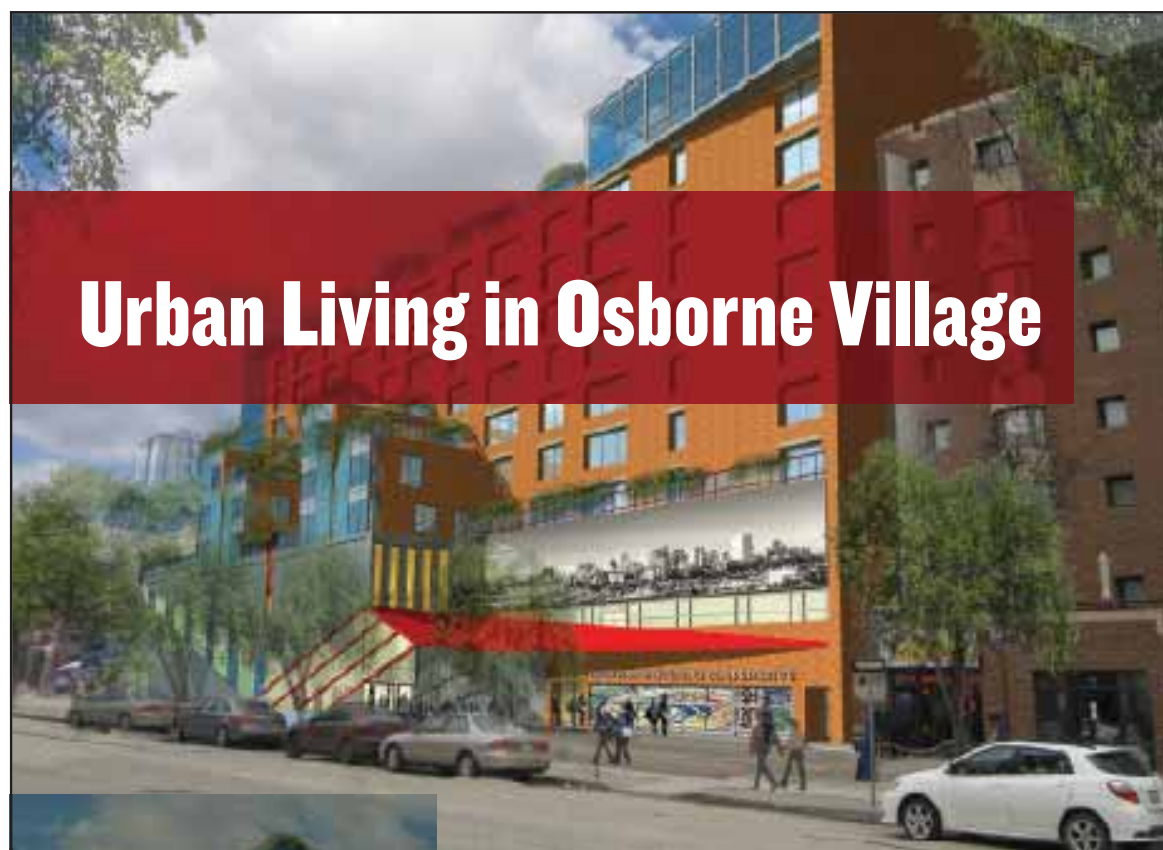
The most common VOD users were women 25 to 49 years old,

with a job, and children under 12 years.

In the United States, many cable channels have been shifting away from determining a TV show's success by its "same-day" ratings numbers, arguing that advertisers should pay based on the popularity of shows over several days of VOD availability.

Last week, Fox became the first of the big U.S. networks to stop providing "same-day" ratings to the public.

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## CAREERS

## How kids see the future of work

Virtual-reality press trips, mobile offices, Skype meetings: what's the workplace of the future going to be like?

Video-conferencing specialist Polycom, in collaboration with Global Nomads Group, which connects classrooms from around the world through technology, put that question to 25 middle schoolers earlier this month. The students conferred in from classrooms in New York City, Pakistan, Jordan and Thailand. Here's what they said.

### Offices will be more global

With the word becoming more connected — all the students taking part in the videoconference had Facebook — it makes sense that young people would expect the workplace of the future to demand collaboration with different countries and cultures.

"In general, we're not doing a really good job in our schools preparing our students for that," says Chris Plutte, executive director of Global Nomads Group.

"Through our programs, we're trying to give young people this opportunity to collaborate and connect with other kids throughout the world to prepare them for success."



**Polycom and the Global Nomads Group asked 25 middle schoolers from around the world what they expected their working lives to be like in the future.** ISTOCK

### They can work from anywhere

Just as the idea of dealing with — and even travelling to — other cultures may seem natural to them, the thought of being stuck in a physical office, or tied to a particular company, for the whole of their working life is anathema.

"It's not about where you work, but it's about what you do," says Laura Owen, chief human resources officer at Polycom. (Which given our increasingly freelance economy, and focus

on work-life balance, is probably smart.)

### We'll be interacting with holograms

One student from New York said he was hoping that the future workplace would include holograms. But he may not have been far off.

"We just did our first 3D video for doctors, of an open-heart surgery, which was projected for medical students," says Owen.

"So holograms may be in our near future."

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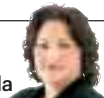
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# Saving smarts run in the family

## ROLE MODEL

## What lessons are you passing on to your kids about money?

**Gail Vaz-Oxlade**  
For Metro Canada



Whether you're actively teaching your children about money and the role it should play in their lives, or not, they are learning from you.

When you tell them to save 50 per cent of what they get in birthday money or of what they earn on their paper route or working at the grocery store, you're sending signals.

Do you save 50 per cent of your income? Then why do you expect your children to do that?

Do you save anything at all? If you don't save, if you don't talk about savings and making them grow, your children will learn from you that saving isn't important.

If you follow trends, try to emulate what you see on TV or in glossy magazines, or compare yourself to your friends, your family or your neighbours, you can't then turn to your children and say, "Don't give in to peer pressure."

What do you want your children to know about money and the role it should play in their lives?

- More is better OR enough is a good thing.
- Richer is better OR a life well lived is what we are striving for.
- Pay it off tomorrow OR we don't spend money we haven't earned yet.

With all the blah blah blah about financial literacy of late, there's been a big push to put money lessons into the school curriculum. Let me save you some disappointment. It won't work.

Remember the food pyramid? That's being taught at school, which is why we no longer have a child-obesity problem. Oh, wait ...

Despite learning about which foods are healthiest, if mommy and daddy serve



**Life offers you lots of opportunities to teach your children how money works, what they can do with it, and the place it should have in their lives.** ISTOCK

up a hot dog, a bag of chips and a can of pop for lunch, what do you think kids learn?

Life offers you lots of opportunities to teach your children how money works, what they can do with it, and the place it should have in their lives. From grocery shopping to back-to-school shopping, from allowances for learning to paid chores for earning, you can use all the experiences kids have in their day-to-day lives to teach about money.

If you're afraid because you don't know where to start or what to say, or you're worried you might get it wrong, don't worry so much. You are already your kids' best teacher. They look to you for their sense of who they are and where they fit in the world.

They count on you to guide them through the rough waters of making and keeping friends, building relationships, coping with the world at large. They trust you.

Besides, most of what you have to teach isn't that complicated. Is it so hard to teach the idea that money is an exhaustible resource, and when you spend it it's gone? How about that you have to make choices about what you do with your money? Or my fav: You can't spend money you don't have.

If you don't have all your financial ducks in a row, time to clean up your mess. You can't use the old "do as I say, not as I do" because kids will catch you out. Walk the talk if you want your children to learn the right lessons from you. These are lessons well worth learning ... even for you.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at [gailvazoxlade.com](http://gailvazoxlade.com)



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# Eskimos put Grey Cup on ice

CFL

## Redblacks denied their first league championship

Jordan Lynch's one-yard touch-down run with 3:17 remaining rallied the Edmonton Eskimos to an exciting 26-20 Grey Cup win over the Ottawa Redblacks on Sunday night.

Lynch successfully converted the third-and-one situation to cap a five-play, 78-yard drive. Quarterback Mike Reilly's three-yard pass to Akeem Shavers for the two-point convert erased a 20-18 advantage.

The drive was aided by Edmonton head coach Chris Jones challenging an in-completion that was ultimately changed to pass interference against Ottawa's Brandon Sermons. That gave the Eskimos the ball at the Redblacks' 10-yard line.

It was a dramatic finish for the Investors Group Field sellout of 36,634, the second-smallest Grey Cup attendance since 1975. It was the fourth time the CFL title game was played in Manitoba, and the first since 2006.

Edmonton secured its first Grey Cup title since 2005 and 14th overall in a record 25th appearance. Only Toronto (16) has won more.

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The Eskimos also finished the season registering their 10th straight win, all coming after Reilly returned as the club's starter. He suffered a knee injury in Edmonton's season-opening loss to Toronto.

It was a bitter ending to the season for Ottawa, appearing in its first Grey Cup since a 26-23 loss to Edmonton in 1981. The city's last CFL championship came in 1976 with the former Rough Riders.

The contest was a defensive battle, especially in the second half as Edmonton outscored Ottawa just 9-4. But after falling behind 13-0 early in the first quarter, the Eskimos outscored the Redblacks 26-7.

Edmonton players receive \$16,000 for the win while the Redblacks get \$8,000 apiece. The game-time temperature was -5 C but the 15-kilometre-an-hour wind created a windchill of -10 C.

Jones compiled a 26-10 regular-season record over his two seasons as Edmonton's head



The Eskimos' Marcus Howard rushes Redblacks quarterback Henry Burris on Sunday at Investors Group Field.

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coach. Now the question remains how long he'll remain with reports the Saskatchewan Roughriders will ask permission to speak with Jones about their vacant head coach and GM positions.

This Grey Cup game was indeed a matchup of the best teams in the East and West Divisions. Ottawa (12-6) finished atop the Eastern conference after

winning just two games in its inaugural 2014 season while Edmonton (14-4) finished tied with Calgary for the league's best record but secured top spot in the standings based after winning the season series with the Stampede.

The Redblacks' Grey Cup appearance capped an amazing transformation for the franchise. On Thursday, head coach Rick

Campbell (coach of the year), quarterback Henry Burris (outstanding player), receiver Brad Sinopoli (top Canadian) and SirVincent Rogers (lineman) were honoured at the league's awards banquet.

But Ottawa finished 0-3 versus Edmonton this year, the first two losses coming in July with Reilly on injured list.

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## + MVP

Mike Reilly was named the game's most valuable player upon completing 21 of 35 pass attempts for 269 yards and two touchdowns. Edmonton's Shamawd Chambers was named the Canadian MVP.

Kobe Bryant's 32,670 points rank third all-time.

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NBA

## Kobe announces his 20th season will be his last

Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers has decided to retire after this season.

The 37-year-old Bryant made the announcement

in a post on The Players' Tribune on Sunday. The decision was not totally unexpected, given that Bryant has said many times in recent weeks that he was considering making his 20th NBA season his last.

There's no more wondering now.

After two decades, two Olympic gold medals, five championship rings, 17 all-star selections, an 81-point game that ranks as the second-best in NBA history and more than 32,000 points, Bryant's career is officially winding down.

25.3

Bryant's 25.3 points per game over his career is 11th best in NBA history.

"This season is all I have left to give," Bryant said in what he called a letter entitled "Dear Basketball."

Bryant said in an interview on Sirius XM Radio just last week that "if something changes," he would come back and play next

season. Only a few days later, that's apparently no longer an option.

"My heart can take the pounding. My mind can handle the grind. But my body knows it's time to say goodbye," Bryant wrote in the post. "And that's OK. I'm ready to let you go. I want you to know now. So we both can savour every moment we have left together. The good and the bad. We have given each other all that we have."

Bryant ranks third on the NBA's career scoring list, and only 13 players in league history

played on more championship teams. Bryant helped the Lakers to titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009 and 2010.

"Kobe Bryant is one of the greatest players in the history of our game," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said. "Whether competing in the Finals or hoisting jump shots after midnight in an empty gym, Kobe has an unconditional love for the game. I join Kobe's millions of fans around the world in congratulating him on an outstanding NBA career and thank him for so many thrilling memories." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Dominant Dalton helps Bengals prey on weak Rams

NFL

## Green catches two of QB's TD passes, St. Louis lose 4th on skid

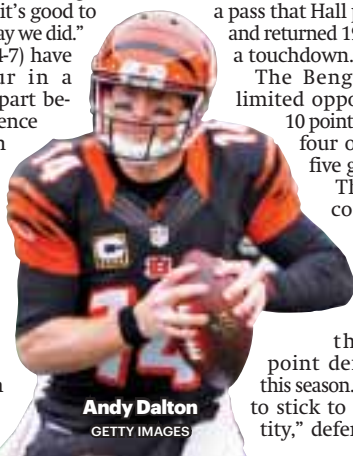
As the touchdown passes and interceptions piled up, it felt like a throwback game for the Bengals. Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes — two of them to A.J. Green — and Cincinnati emerged from its brief skid with an effort reminiscent of its perfect first half of the season, beating the St. Louis Rams 31-7 on Sunday.

After dropping a pair of close prime-time games, the Bengals (9-2) were back in sync against a team that struggles to score and keep up. The 31 points equaled the second-most against St. Louis this season.

In addition to Dalton's three touchdowns, the Bengals had three interceptions, including one that Leon Hall returned for a touchdown. "I felt like we played well in all phases of the game," Dalton said. "It's good to get a win, and it's good to get a win the way we did."

The Rams (4-7) have dropped four in a row, in large part because their offense ranks last in the league in passing. They switched quarterbacks last week, but Case Keenum got a head injury during a 16-13 loss in Baltimore and was limited in practice.

Nick Foles,



Andy Dalton  
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## + ELSEWHERE

### Chiefs 30, Bills 22

Alex Smith threw for 255 yards and two touchdowns, Spencer Ware ran for 114 yards and a score, and the Chiefs won their fifth straight.

Jeremy Maclin had nine receptions for 160 yards and a touchdown, and Cairo Santos hit three field goals for the Chiefs (6-5).

### Redskins 20, Giants 14

Kirk Cousins threw a 63-yard touchdown pass to DeSean Jackson and scored on a quarterback sneak, Washington intercepted Eli Manning three times, and the Redskins pulled into a tie for the NFC East lead. The Redskins and Giants are both 5-6.

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who started the first nine games, returned. The most costly of his three interceptions came when he avoided the rush and floated a pass that Hall picked off and returned 19 yards for a touchdown.

The Bengals have limited opponents to 10 points or less in four of the last five games.

They were coming off a 34-31 loss at Arizona that was their low point defensively this season. "We need to stick to our identity," defensive end



Bengals' running back Jeremy Hill ran for a season-high 86 yards. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Carlos Dunlap said. "Success is precious. You just have to stick to what you do."

The longest winning streak in Bengals history ended with losses to Houston on Monday night and Arizona on Sunday night. Back at home in an afternoon game, Cincinnati settled down and pulled away.

Dalton was 20 of 27 for 233 yards. He threw touchdown passes of 9 and 18 yards to Green, who hadn't caught two in a game since the third week of the season in Baltimore. Tyler Eifert also had a 22-yarder, giving him the league lead with 12 TD catches. Jeremy Hill ran for a season-high 86 yards. He limped off the field in the fourth quar-

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ter and got his left ankle taped.

Rams coach Jeff Fisher intended to stay with Keenum if he was healthy, but the quarterback didn't have a full practice last week. Foles went 30 of 46 for 228 yards. He has seven touchdowns and nine interceptions this season.

The Rams' best play came when running back Todd Gurley took a snap in the wildcat formation in the second quarter.

He handed off to Tavon Austin, who ran for 60 yards — more than the Rams had managed in all to that point. Austin's 5-yard run finished the drive.

Austin had a team-high 63 yards on four runs. He also caught six passes for 33 yards. Gurley was limited to 19 yards on nine carries, with the Bengals focused on stopping the run game. St. Louis has scored 13 or fewer points in each of the last three games.

There was more self-destruction by the Rams. Broken coverage left Green wide open for his first touchdown catch.

"Probably one of my easiest touchdowns ever," Green said.

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TENNIS

## Davis Cup wait ends for Britain

With one perfect lob, Andy Murray ended eight decades of Davis Cup frustration for Britain.

By beating David Goffin 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday, Murray secured Britain's 3-1 victory over Belgium in the Davis Cup final and ended a drought for the country dating back to 1936.

The 79-year gap is the longest between titles in Davis Cup history. "I can't believe we did it," Murray said on court. "We may never get an opportunity to do this again. We should celebrate tonight." Murray won all three points for Britain over the weekend and with his team holding an unassailable lead in the best-of-five series the final singles match was not played.

Britain is the only nation to have competed in all Davis Cup editions since 1900 and its 10th title makes it the third most successful nation after the United States (32) and Australia (28). But the last time it won the team competition, Fred Perry was its star. Britain last played in the final in 1978.

After hitting the backhand lob that clinched the match, Murray fell on his back on the clay at the Flanders Expo arena while his teammates piled atop him before being hoisted by the other British players and coaches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Andy Murray lifted up by his team after winning. GETTY IMAGES

NBA

## Raptors' run dries up against Suns

There would be no late-game heroics for the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 29 points, and DeMarre Carroll added 20, but the Raptors saw their four-game winning streak end against the Phoenix Suns in a 107-102 loss. Mirza Teletovic and Eric Bledsoe led the Suns (8-9) with 20 points apiece.

Kyle Lowry added 17 points and eight assists for the Raptors (11-7). The Raptors were com-

## SUNDAY in Toronto



ing off back-to-back big wins, beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers and then edging the Wizards on a Joseph Buzzer-beater Saturday night in Washington.

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## SKIING IN BRIEF

### Norway's Lund wins super-G

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal won the super-G on Sunday to sweep the two opening World Cup races at Lake Louise in Alberta. Svindal finished in 1 minute, 29.30 seconds, a day after winning the downhill. He missed most of last season because of a torn Achilles tendon.

Austria's Matthias Mayer was second in 1:29.65. Italy's Peter Fill of Italy, second in the downhill, was third in 1:29.75. American Travis Ganong was fourth at 1:29.81.

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### USA's Shiffrin dominates

World Cup slalom in Aspen Mikaela Shiffrin won back-to-back World Cup slalom races in Aspen, overcoming an early mistake in her final run Sunday to easily clinch victory.

The American, 20, finished in 1 minute, 40.18 seconds, beating Frida Hansdotter of Sweden by 2.65 seconds. Sarka Strachova of Czech Republic was third and 2.90 back. Those were the only two competitors close to the reigning Olympic and world slalom champion.

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BIATHLON

## Crawford and Smith win silver for Canada

Canada's Rosanna Crawford and Nathan Smith teamed up to win the silver medal in the season-opening single mixed relay on Sunday at a biathlon (cross-country skiing and shooting) World Cup event. Crawford, from Canmore, Alta., and Calgary's Smith, clocked a time of 36:40.5.

Norway finished 11.9 seconds ahead of the Canadians in a see-saw affair to take the top spot on the podium with a time of 36:27.3. Smith won the sprint for the silver, forcing the Germans

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This is a really great way to start the season.

Nathan Smith

into the bronze-medal position with a time of 36:40.5.

"We knew there was lots of potential in this race so it feels good to deliver," said Crawford.

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## RECIPE Italian Wedding Soup



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

You don't need to be getting married to enjoy this hearty, comforting soup.

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Prep time: 20 minutes  
**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

- 1/2 lb ground turkey
- 3 Tbsp bread crumbs or panko
- 1 Tbsp grated Parmesan
- 2 cloves garlic, minced and divided
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped into 1/4-inch disks
- 1 tsp finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 Parmesan cheese rind
- 3/4 cup orzo
- 1 head of spinach, chopped into

ribbons  
• Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 375 F.
2. In a large bowl, mix turkey, bread crumbs, grated cheese and half of the garlic until well combined. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place meatballs on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes.
3. In a large pot, warm olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and carrots and soften for about 3 minutes. Add the remaining garlic and rosemary and cook for another minute.
4. Add broth and the rind of Parmesan. Simmer for 7 minutes.
5. Add the orzo and continue to simmer for 6 minutes. Carefully add the meatballs to the soup and allow to simmer for 4 minutes. Toss in the spinach and stir. Serve with grated Parmesan.

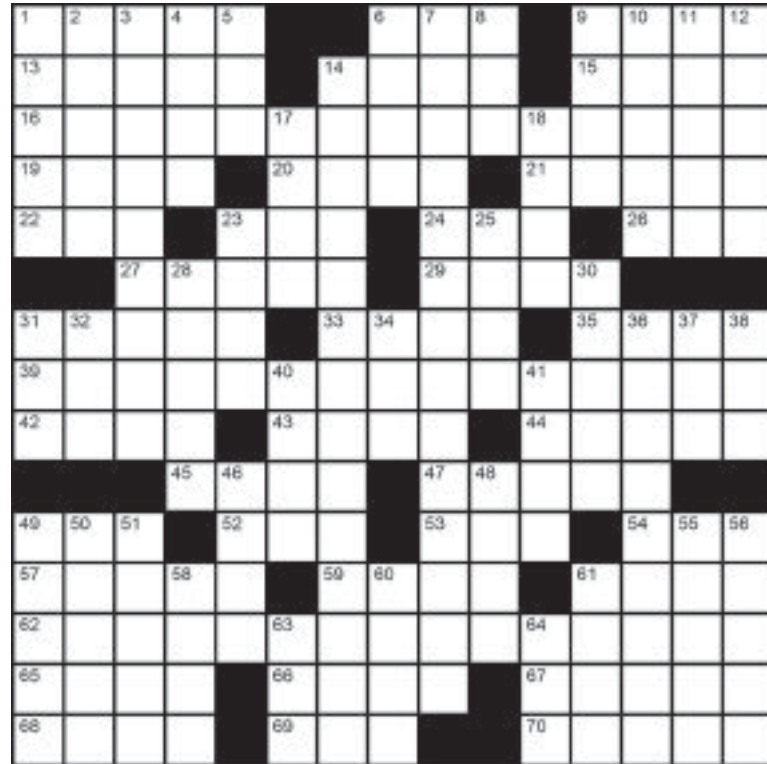
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Aussie singer Ms. Goodrem
6. Mr. Hope
9. Pencil stubs
13. Self-evident truth
14. Movie studio
15. Maureen Forrester piece
16. \_\_\_-\_\_\_ (Prime Minister Mackenzie King's portrait is on the front of it)
19. Skedaddle
20. "So this ain't the \_\_\_ saw you again, today..." - Heart, "Barracuda"
21. Hydro bill factor
22. Affirmative
23. Grad cap wearer's honour, briefly
24. Bird's beak
26. Skirt's finished edge
27. Burglar
29. There's none during a blackout [abbr.]
31. Cheque recipient
33. Siberian city
35. Roman's 1502
39. What websites do on Cyber Monday: 2 wds.
42. Nest locale
43. Prefix with 'sphere'
44. Brian of Canadian figure skating
45. "\_\_\_ Bridges" (90s series starring Don Johnson)
47. Deluxe
49. '25' for Adele
52. Alkali
53. Rihanna's "\_\_\_ de Replay"



54. Kitchen utens.
57. Ancient Greek city-state
59. Foremost
61. Itty-bitty bit
62. Shorebird that breeds at a similar-sounding (to the answer's first word) Bay in Canada: 2 wds.

65. Hollywood star
66. Annoyance
67. Pumps parts
68. Denizen of Denmark
69. Oom-\_\_\_ (Tuba sound)
70. "When Harry Met \_\_\_" (1989)

### DOWN

1. Duck pal for Bugs Bunny
2. Deport
3. Modus vivendi
4. Hold a handbag
5. Ms. Schumer
6. Daring
7. Lots of it happens on Cyber Monday: 2 wds.
8. Not \_\_\_ long shot
9. Captures
10. Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
11. Hogwash
12. 1692's witchy vicinity
14. Celtic folk tune

about a Cape Breton river: 4 wds.  
17. '90s band, \_\_\_-Lite  
18. Contraption cartoonist Mr. Goldberg  
23. Carpe \_\_\_!  
25. Ms. Gruning of "Casablanca" (1942)  
28. Stage/film actress Ms. Hayes  
30. Astronaut titles, e.g.  
31. Calif. clock setting  
32. Ireland's \_\_\_  
34. Roman's 1900  
36. Item for drying in the kitchen: 2 wds.  
37. 'Real' suffix in England  
38. Suffix with 'Court'  
40. Simple  
41. Sentence part  
46. Moreover  
48. Lengthy  
49. Ladybug's louse-y lunch  
50. Dutch cheese  
51. Iowa city which is the setting of 1930 painting American Gothic  
55. Tranquil  
56. Fall guy  
58. 1888 W.B. Yeats poem, The Lake \_\_\_ of Innisfree  
60. Oooh's friend  
61. Notion  
63. Tom Mulcair's pol. designation  
64. Surnamesakes of Canadian actress Sandra

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Don't tell people what you think they want to hear. They will notice if your words sound insincere. Tell the truth, no matter how much it might hurt.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
If you have fallen out with someone now is the time to kiss and make up. You will find just the right words to convey how much you regret any misunderstandings and they will go out of their way to say sorry too.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Don't push yourself harder than you need to. Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs wellbeing encourages you to share your workload. Partners and colleagues will help if you ask nicely.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Time is precious and you must not waste it. Certainly don't let others waste it. Focus your energy on activities that mean something to you.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
A rival seems to be getting the better of an argument but maybe your opinions are not as good as you thought they were. Check your facts carefully and be ready to admit that you were wrong.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Not everyone can live up to your high standards so don't make a fuss if someone falls short today. They are more likely to respond to words of encouragement than to accusations that they are not trying hard enough.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Pay attention only to things that matter personally. If you let your mind wander you may lose to a rival who does not possess your abilities but knows the value of concentration.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Focus on what is important to the exclusion of everything else. You have wasted a lot of time on things that don't bring you closer to your goals.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You may be a bit more subdued than usual over the next few days but everything is relative and most likely by other peoples standards you will still be the life and soul of the party. On an inner level though questions need to be answered.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You know what you like and what you dislike but as from today you will take a more relaxed attitude toward people who think, feel or act in ways you do not always agree with.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is an important time for your work and career and over the coming week you will get the chance to make an impression on employers. If you think your talents are being overlooked now is the time to speak up.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your thinking will be deeper and wider over the next few days as you leave behind trivial matters and focus on what really counts. Also, try to worry less about money.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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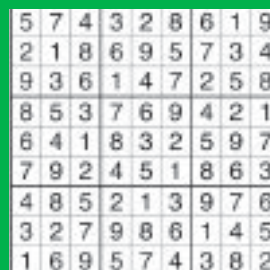
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